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Filed: December 5, 2003 ) Examiner: Jon M. Bass  
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Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING MAIL THEFT USING  
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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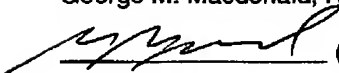
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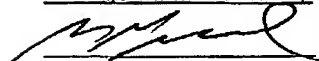
This communication is submitted in response to the March 16, 2006 Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due June 16, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the claims; and
2. Remarks.

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